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MONTERREY NIV OPERATION FUNCTIONS UNDER TWO DIFFERENT SETS OF PROCEDURES, ONE FOR NORMAL OPERATION, OTHER FOR HIGH-VOLUME RUSH PERIODS, WHEN AS MANY AS 600 APPLICATIONS MAY BE PROCESSED IN A SINGLE DAY. ANSWERS TO YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS FOLLOW:

1.(A). DURING NORMAL PERIODS, APPROVED VISA PREPARED WHILE SUBJECT WAITS. TOTAL TIME REQUIRED FOR COMPLETE PROCESSING (NAME CHECK, INTERVIEW, VISA PREPARATION, SIGNATURE) AVERAGES ONE HOUR TO ONE HOUR THIRTY MINUTES. DURING RUSH PERIODS, ALL APPROVED VISAS HANDED OUT AT 4:00 P.M. SAME DAY. APPLICANTS LEAVE BUILDING AFTER INTERVIEW AND RETURN AT 4:00 FOR PASSPORT PICK-UP. WAIT FOR INTERVIEW DURING RUSH PERIODS VARIES BETWEEN ONE TO FOUR HOURS. VISAS ALWAYS PREPARED ON SAME DAY AS INTERVIEW.

1.(B). MONTERREY DOES NOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS THROUGH MAIL FROM GENERAL PUBLIC, HOWEVER, WE HAVE INSTITUTED SYSTEM THROUGH WHICH REPUTABLE ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS LARGE CORPORATIONS, PROFESSIONAL AND COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS, MAY, BY INVITATION ONLY, SEND US VISA APPLICATIONS FOR THEIR MEMBERSHIP. VISAED PASSPORTS READY FOR PICK-UP ON DAY FOLLOWING RECEIPT.

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1.(C). PASSPORTS DROPPED OFF AT CONSULATE BY TRAVEL AGENTS BEFORE
NOON ARE READY FOR PICK-UP AT 3:00 P.M. FOLLOWING WORKDAY.

2.(A). SEE 1(B). AS APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH MAIL-IN SYSTEM
LIMITED TO THOSE FROM MEMBERS OF COMMERCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, REFUSAL RATE NEGLIGABLE.

2.(B). REFUSAL RATE FOR TRAVEL AGENT CASES AVERAGES 10 TO 15 PER
CENT.

2.(C). ALL APPLICANTS APPLYING IN PERSON GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK
WITH CONOFF, AS MOST USUALLY HAVE SEVERAL QUESTIONS THEY
WISH ANSWERED. MONTERREY HAS SYSTEM BY WHICH OBVIOUSLY
QUALIFIED APPLICANTS ARE GIVEN PRIORITY PROCESSING AND
IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW. REFUSAL RATE IN THIS GROUP LESS THAN
5 PERCENT, USUALLY FOR PROCEDURAL OR DOCUMENTARY DIFFICULTIES
AND NOT BECAUSE BONAFIDES QUESTIONABLE.

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